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Appn. Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING A VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE
DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH A
DEVICE AND ITS USE.

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SUBMISSION OF AN AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 312

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

Following the notice of allowance mailed 2002, June 17, pursuant to rule 312, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the current specification with the substitute specification that is submitted below, accompanied by the corresponding marked-up substitute specification, after the remarks.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the abstract and replace it with the text submitted hereafter in clean form and marked-up form on following separate page:

(Clean form)

Abstract: A method for making and a method for using a device designed to hold objects by clamping while preventing damage thereto. This device includes a cylindrical support part (1) and two arms (2), each arm having a transverse hole and at least one of these arms is carrying an elastic buffer (3) secured thereto. This buffer possesses a contact face and has under its contact face a thickness large enough so that said buffer acts as a compression spring when his contact face contacts the surface of one of the objects. And this buffer is resilient enough such